GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HOME DEPARTMENT- Setting up of Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) in ten districts of A.P. at Chittoor, East Godavari, Kadapa, Kurnool, Krishna, Nellore, Prakasam, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram for preventing and combating crime of trafficking in persons- Police station status to proposed ten (10) AHTUs along with existing three (3) AHTUs at Eluru, Guntur, Ananthapur (total 13 AHTUs) with dedicated team of officers –Notification - Orders – Issued.

HOME (SERVICES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 47 **Dated: 18-05-2021.**

Read the following:

1. From Sri Gopal K.Pillai, Home Secretary, MHA, GOI, North Block, New Delhi vide D.O.Lr.No.15020/ 08/2007-ATC, dt.16.6.2010
2. From the DGP, AP Lr.No.Budget-1/AHTU/2011-12, Dt.9.7.2012 and Dt: 01.06.2013.
3. Govt.Memo No.1886/Pol.Bud/A2/2012-13, Dt.11.9.2013.
4. G.O.Rt.No.3548 Finance (Expr. Home and Law) Dept., Dated:28.9.2013.
5. G.O.Rt.No.1936 Home (Police Budget) Department, dated 08.10.2013.
6. G.O.Ms.No.165, Home (PS & CA2) Department, dated 25.06.2011.
7. From the DGP, AP,Lr.No.4206/C71/WPC/CID/2019,Dt.28.07-2020.
8. From the Addl.DGP, CID, AP,Lr.C.No.4206/C-71/CID-AP/2020, dated 11.01.2021
9. Comprehensive Scheme for Establishment of integrated AHTUs and TOT by Ministry of Home Affairs/ Grih Mantralaya, Government of India/ Bharat Sarkar Centre – State Division, North Block, New Delhi.

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ORDER:

The Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi, vide reference 1st read above, has requested the Chief Secretaries of all State Governments for formulating a comprehensive scheme for strengthening Law enforcement in India, by setting up dedicated Anti Human Trafficking Units (with a strength of 1- Inspector, 2- SIs, 2-HCs, 2- PCs in each Unit) in certain affected Police Districts to prevent and combat trafficking in persons, comprising of a group of trained sensitive officials of the Police Department, with the assistance of members from Women and Child Welfare Department of the State and also the members of reputed local NGOs as and when required.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the Director General of Police, AP., Hyderabad requested the Government to sanction an amount of Rs.37,90,000/- as additional funds and accord administrative sanction for establishment of (5) Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at Warangal, Rajahmundry, Nellore, Tirupati and CID Headquarters at Visakhapatnam.

3. In the GO 4th read above, Government accorded administrative sanction to the Director General of Police, AP, Hyderabad for an amount of Rs.37,90,000/- (Plan – Rs.35,75,000/- within 2013-14 and an amount of Rs.2,15,000/- as additional funds) under Modernization of Police Force (MOPF) in relaxation of Treasure Control Orders pending provision of funds by way of obtaining supplementary grants at appropriate time during the financial year 2013-14 towards establishment of aforesaid (5) AHTUs. The above amount of Rs.37,90,000/- has been drawn and spent pending notification of AHTUs.

4. In the letter 7th read above, the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh has sent a proposal to the Government to notify the establishment of (10) Anti

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Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) at Chittoor, East Godavari, Kadapa, Kurnool, Krishna, Nellore, Prakasam, Srikakulam, Visakhapatnam and Vizianagaram Districts and also police station status to proposed ten (10) AHTUs along with existing three (3) AHTUs at Eluru, Guntur, Ananthapur (total 13 AHTUs) with dedicated team of officers.

5. The Government, after careful consideration of the proposal of the Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, read with the said advice of the Government of India, MHA, New Delhi have decided to establish Anti Human Trafficking Units at the following places of Andhra Pradesh and to designate the Addl. DGP, CID, Andhra Pradesh as Andhra Pradesh State Level Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) Nodal Officer:

S.No. (1)	District (2)	Location of AHTU (proposed) (3)	Nodal Officer (4)
1	Chittoor Dist. (which includes Tirupati Urban Unit)	Chittoor	SP, Chittoor
2	East Godavari Dist. (which includes Rajahmundry Urban)	Kakinada	SP, East Godavari
3	Kadapa Dist.	Kadapa	SP, Kadapa
4	Kurnool Dist.	Kurnool	SP, Kurnool
5	Krishna Dist. (which includes Vijayawada City)	Vijayawada	CP, Vijayawada
6	Nellore Dist.	Nellore	SP, Nellore
7	Prakasam Dist.	Ongole	SP, Prakasam
8	Srikakulam Dist.	Srikakulam	SP, Srikakulam
9	Vizianagaram Dist.	Vizianagaram	SP, Vizianagaram
10	Visakhapatnam Dist. (Which includes Visakhapatnam Rural Dist and Vizag city)	Visakhapatnam city	CP, Visakhapatnam

The above proposed AHTUs shall be in addition to the following three existing AHTUs established vide GO 6th read above:-

S.No (1)	District (2)	Location of AHTU (Existing) (3)	Nodal Officer (4)
1	West Godavari Dist.	Eluru	SP, West Godavari Dist
2	Guntur Dist. (which includes Guntur Urban and Rural District)	Guntur Urban	SP, Guntur Urban Dist
3	Ananthapur Dist.	Ananthapur	SP, Ananthapur Dist

6. Government have also decided to declare the all Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) of Andhra Pradesh as Police stations and shall be housed in Disha Police Stations.

7. In the reference 9th cited, the MHA, GOI in its Comprehensive Scheme for the Establishment of integrated AHTUs, directed that the AHTU would be notified by the State Government as a Police Station with jurisdiction over the entire district for registration and investigation of all cases relating to the crime of Human Trafficking which would be in addition to the other Police Station in the District. Further, vide reference 8th & 6th cited; the Police composition of AHTUs shall include:

1. One Inspector
2. 2 Sub- Inspectors
3. 2 Head Constables
4. 2 Constables

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The Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of the above team shall be from the Vacancy Reserve strength sanctioned to the concerned District. The Head constables and Constables shall be attached from the concerned District strength by the District Nodal Officer. (vide reference 6th read above).

8. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the next Extra-Ordinary Issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

I. The Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby notify the establishment of Anti Human Trafficking Units at the below places under the direct control and supervision of the respective Superintendents of Police who will review the progress of the work turned out by these units on a monthly basis and submit a report to the State Anti Human Trafficking (AHT) Nodal Officer.

1) Chittoor Dist. (which includes Tirupati Urban Unit)
2) East Godavari Dist. (which includes Rajahmundry Urban Unit)
3) Kadapa Dist.
4) Kurnool Dist.
5) Krishna Dist. (which includes Vijayawada City Unit and Krishna Dist.,)
6) Nellore Dist.
7) Prakasam Dist.
8) Srikakulam Dist.
9) Visakhapatnam Dist.(which includes Visakhapatnam City Unit and Visakhapatnam Rural Dist.,)
10) Vizianagaram Dist.

(II) **And also in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (s) section 2 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Central Act No.2 of 1974), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby declare the all the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) of Andhra Pradesh to be Police Stations for the purpose of the said code and they shall be housed in Disha Police Stations.**

(III) The Addl. DGP, CID, AP, Mangalagiri will be the State level Anti Human Trafficking Nodal Officer. He will supervise the Anti Human Trafficking work across the State, co-ordinate intra-state and inter-state operations to bring traffickers of all hues to justice, to rescue victims and to take up measures for rehabilitation of victims in consultation with Women and Child Welfare Department and other Departments. The Government also notifies the respective Superintendents of Police of all the Districts in Andhra Pradesh duly designating them as Nodal Officers for Anti Human Trafficking in their respective Units.

(IV) The **charter of duties** to be performed by the Anti Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) is listed below:

1. Dealing with offences of human trafficking (HT) and providing multi disciplinary approach and ensuring a joint response by all stakeholders.
2. Dealing with HT as an **'organized crime'** with **'basket of crimes concept'** (involving offences of wrongful restraint, wrongful confinement, selling and buying minors for the purpose of prostitution, begging, bonded labour, gang rape, subjecting women and children to commercial sexual exploitation etc). Ensuring application of all Acts such as Immoral Traffic Prevention Act-1956 (I.T.P.A), Criminal Procedure Code (Cr.P.C), Criminal Law Amendment Act, 2013, Juvenile Justice (care and protection of children) Act-2000 (J.J Act), Bonded labour system (Abolition Act-1976) and relevant

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penal provisions of Indian Penal Code- (I.P.C) i.e., sections 366-A, 366-B, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 376(2)(g),509, 341, 342, 365 IPC etc., with the help of Director of Prosecution, AP.

3. Bringing about **'inter-departmental collaboration'** among the police and all other Government agencies and departments, such as women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens Dept, Labour, Health, Sarva Sikhsa Abhayan etc.
4. Conducting rescue operations with the assistance of NGOs, Women & Child Department and Labour Welfare Dept whenever they receive information about trafficking activities either from police sources, or NGOs or from civil society.
5. Ensuring registration of cases from the perspective of trafficking as a **'continuous crime concept'** i.e, from the source to the destination.
6. Providing **'victim witness support'** till the end of the trial.
7. Guiding and mentoring NGOs from the prosecution perspective inter alia evidence collection, victim preparation for trial etc.
8. Ensuring **'a victim-centric approach'** which ensures the best interest of the victim / survivor and preventing secondary victimization / re-victimization of the victim as well as ensuring a gender sensitive and child rights sensitive approach in dealing with trafficked victims.
9. Functioning as the **'grass roots unit'** for collection and development of an exhaustive database on all law enforcement aspects of the crime, including information on traffickers secret networks and trafficking gangs, which they will convey to the District and State Crime Records Bureau for further transmission to the National Crime Records Bureau. AHTUs will facilitate availability of comprehensive national level data on this criminal activity.
10. The AHTU will attend to all the three aspects of trafficking viz., **prevention, protection and prosecution**. The AHTU will thus be the **'field level functional unit'** to address human trafficking in a holistic manner.
11. The AHTUs will work closely with the District Administration and with Project Directors of Department for Women, Children, Disabled, Senior Citizens. They will ensure access to timely relief to victim as per Government policy vide GO Ms.No.1 of WD, CW & DW (Progs) Dept dt.03.01.2003, sanction of Interim Relief fund and other relief as per GO Ms.No.28 of Department for Women, Children, Disabled & Senior Citizens, dated: 13.06.2011 to the victims and send monthly returns to AP State Nodal Officer, ADGP, CID.

(V) The Addl. Director General of Police, CID being the State Level AHT Nodal Officer shall coordinate and review the work of all AHTUs from time to time.

(VI) The Superintendents of Police for the concerned Districts shall be the District Nodal Officers of the respective Districts. In case of Krishna District, CP Vijayawada, shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Visakhapatnam District CP Visakhapatnam shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Rajahmundry Police Unit, SP East Godavari shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Guntur District (which includes Guntur Rural Unit), SP Guntur Urban shall be the District Nodal Officer; in case of Tirupati Urban District, SP Chittoor shall be the District Nodal Officer.

(VII) The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh shall take measures to setup the ten (10) Anti Human Trafficking Units as mentioned above with a strength of one (1) Inspector, two (2) Sub-Inspectors, two (2) Head Constables and two (2) Police Constables in each Unit under the supervision and control of the respective Superintendents of Police. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, may provide the strength in the ranks of Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of Police from out of the Vacancy Reserve strength sanctioned to the concerned unit. The Director General of Police, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, will arrange for the Head Constables and Police Constables by way of attachment from the concerned district strength. He may also provide infra structure facilities and

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take up adequate training of police personnel for effective implementation of the scheme. He shall also formulate an implementable scheme for victim compensation as envisaged in Section 357-A Cr.P.C.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Addl. Director General of Police, CID, AP, Mangalagiri.
All Superintendents of Police of the Districts in A.P.
The Superintendent of Police, Women Protection Cell, CID, AP, Mangalagiri.
The Director of Prosecution (DOP), AP, Vijayawada.

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